GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SIDHMUKH IRRIGATION PROJECT
RAM SINGH KASWAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sidhmukh Irrigation Project has been pending with the Government for the last many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of villages affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be approved and completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The revised Project Report of Sidhmukh Irrigation Projectreceived in Central Water Commission inDecember 1999, after its techno-economical appraisal was considered by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in its 77th meeting held on 3rd August 2001. The Project Report was foundacceptable for Rs. 220.86 crores (January 2000 price level) subject to complianceof observations like concurrence of the State Finance Department, restoration of Bhakra Main Line to the original capacity of12500 cusecs, close monitoring of ground water table, environmental clearance from Ministryof Environment and Forests, etc. Compliance on the observations of TAC/Planning Commission hasnot been received from the State Government. The Project scheduledto be completed in 2003-04 envisages to benefit 38 villages of Hanumangarh and Churu districts of Rajasthan.